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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS ECHOES SOVIET ANTI-HUA PROPAGANDA

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1. AUGUST 26 RUDE PRAVO CARRIES TWO COMMENTARIES ON HUA'S BALKAN VISIT. THE FIRST, UNDER BYLINE OF CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY (CTK) ENTITLED "CRUDE ANTI-SOVIET INVECTIVE," STATES THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA HUA IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CRUELY ATTACHE THE USSR AND ITS FRIENDS AND CONTINUES TO REPEAT ALMOST WORD FOR WORD TASS ARTICLE CITED IN REFTTEL, INCLUDING FINANCIAL TIMES REPORT THAT OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV SOURCES SAID YUGOSLAVIA MIGHT AGREE TO SUPPLY WEAPONS TO CHINA.

2. SECOND MORE LENGTHY COMMENTARY ENTITLED "WHERE THEY AIM
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AND WHAT THEY WANT" IS UNSIGNED. ATTEMPTS TO REFUTE HUA'S SPEECHES AND CONCLUDES THAT CHINA'S GOAL IS TO BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST POWER. THE COMMENTARY MAINTAINS THAT TO DISPARAGE THIS CONCLUSION ABOUT THE EXPANSIONIST POLICY OF THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP REPRESENTS FRIVOLITY, QUOTE WHICH NO COUNTRY WHICH IS SINCERELY WORKING TOWARD PEACEFUL COOPERATION AMONG NATIONS CAN PERMIT UNQUOTE. AUGUST 28 RUDE PRAVO SAYS THAT

MOSCOW PRAVDA CARRIED EXTENSIVE EXCERPTS FROM LATTER COMMENTARY
OON AUGUST 27.

3. AUGUST 28 RUDE PRAVO EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE USA AND THE
OTHER COUNTRIES OF NATO ARE CONSIDERING A TACTICAL ALLIANCE
WITH CHINA AGAINST THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES. IT EMPHASIZES THAT
CHINA'S POLICY IS MILITANTLY ANTI-SOVIET AND ENDANGERS WORLD
PEACE. IN SAME EDITION SLOVAK PREMIER COLOTKA IS QUOTED IN
SPEECH AT NITRA AUGUST 27 MAKING ALMOST SAME STATEMENT ABOUT
HUS'S VISIT TO "SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE."

4. COMMENT: CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA ARE AGAIN ACTING AS
SOUNDING BOARD AND AMPLIFIER FOR SOVIET THEMES. HYSTERICAL
TONE SUGGESTS "CHINA CARD," ALTHOUGH PLAYING ITSELF RATHER THAN
BEING PLAYED BY US, IS COMING UP TRUMPS. FROM PURELY SELFISH
POINT OF VIEW WE IN PRAGUE WELCOME HUA'S BALKAN VISIT AS
HAVING DIVERTED PROPAGANDA VENOM FROM US FOR TIME BEING.

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